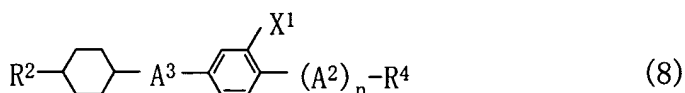
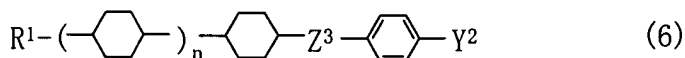
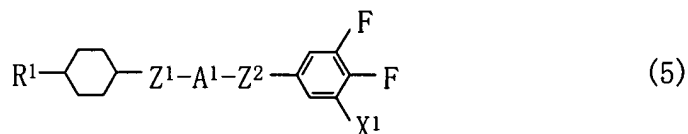


Amendments to the Specification

Page 10, please replace the paragraph spanning line 4 to the last line on page 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

12. The liquid crystal composition according to any one of items 3 to 11, wherein the composition includes further at least one compound selected from a group of the compounds represented by formulas (5), (6), (7), and (8) as a fourth component:



wherein R^1 is alkyl; R^2 is alkyl or alkenyl; R^3 is alkyl or alkoxy; R^4 is alkyl, alkoxy or alkoxymethyl; A^1 and A^3 are independently 1,4-phenylene in which any hydrogen may be replaced by fluorine or 1,4-cyclohexylene; A^2 is 1,4-phenylene or 1,4-cyclohexylene; Z^1 and Z^2 are independently a single bond or $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$; Z^3 is a single bond or $-\text{COO}-$; when A^1 is 1,4-phenylene or 1,4-cyclohexylene, X^1 is fluorine, and when A^1 is 1,4-phenylene in which any hydrogen may be replaced by fluorine, X^1 is hydrogen or fluorine; Y^2 is chlorine, fluorine or $-\text{OCF}_3$; and n is 0 or 1.